

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 76

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A RESOLUTION to designate February 14-20, 2021, as "Adoption is Love Week" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, in 2020, 1,169 Tennessee children, age newborn to eighteen years, exited foster care and were adopted into forever families; and

WHEREAS, also in 2020, 403 Tennessee children joined forever families through subsidized permanent guardianship; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Children's Services has remained dedicated to finding permanency for youth amid the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, all children and youth deserve to grow, develop, and have their needs met by being placed with families who can offer a permanent home; and

WHEREAS, in a permanent home, children and youth can receive love, protection, stability, and a sense of acceptance; and

WHEREAS, the families who have adopted and the children waiting for adoptive families deserve love and support from their communities and from public and private agencies; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Volunteer State commend the love, commitment, and care of foster families and their contributions to the safety and well-being of children and youth in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are grateful for families who have created paths to permanency through adoption and cases of subsidized permanent guardianship during these challenging times and wish to designate February 14-20, 2021, as "Adoption is Love Week" in Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that February 14-20, 2021, is designated as "Adoption is Love Week" in Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.